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Idaho Potato Acreage Up 2 Percent

Planted acreage for potatoes in Idaho is estimated to be 330,000 acres, up 2 percent from 2005's 325,000 acres, but 7 percent below the 355,000 acres planted two years ago. Harvested acreage is expected to total 328,000 acres, an increase of 5,000 acres from last year. Idaho's expected winter wheat production is 59.6 million bushels, down 10 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of winter wheat is expected to total 710,000 acres, 20,000 acres fewer than last year. Yield, as of July 1, is expected to be 84.0 bushels per acre, down from last year's 91.0 bushels per acre. Producers with spring wheat are expected to harvest 480,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from 2005. Average yield is estimated at 68.0 bushels per acre, 4.0 bushels less than 2005. Spring wheat production is forecast at 32.6 million bushels, an increase of 1 percent from 2005. Barley production is forecast at 45.1 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year's 52.2 million bushels and the lowest since 1975. Harvested acreage, at 530,000 acres, is 70,000 acres less than last year. The expected yield of 85.0 bushels per acre is down 2 bushels from last year. Oat production is expected to be 1.28 million bushels, unchanged from last year. Oat yield for grain, at 64.0 bushels per acre, and acreage harvested for grain, at 20,000, are also unchanged from last year. Dry edible peas planted acreage is estimated to be 45,000 acres, down 6 percent from last year. Planted acreage for lentils is expected to total 55,000 acres, down 15 percent from 2005. Austrian winter peas planted acreage, at 8,000 acres, decreased 20 percent from a year ago. Peach production, estimated at 9,000 tons, is up 13 percent from last year's 8,000 tons.

For the United States, planted acreage for fall potatoes is 990,500 acres, up 2 percent from last year but 5 percent below 2004. Harvested acres are forecast at 974,400, up 3 percent from 2005 but 5 percent below two years ago. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but down 15 percent from 2005. The U. S. yield is forecast at 41.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushels from the last month. Other spring wheat production is forecast at 465 million bushels, down 8 percent from 2005. The U.S. yield is forecast at 32.9 bushels per acre, 4.2 bushels less than last year. Barley production is forecast at 190 million bushels, 10 percent below 2005 and the lowest production since 1936. Yields are expected to average 63.4 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last year. Oat production for grain is forecast at 110 million bushels, 4 percent below last year's 115 million bushels. If realized, this would be the lowest production on record. The forecasted yield, at 57.9 bushels per acre, is down 5.1 bushels from 2005. Planted acreage of dry edible peas is estimated at 895,000 acres, up 11 percent from 2005. Planted acreage of lentils is estimated at 420,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2005. Austrian winter peas planted acreage is expected to total 41,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year. The 2006 peach crop is forecast at 1.06 million tons, down 11 percent from 2005.

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